

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/035,084 titled Paired Expandable Anastomosis Devices, which was filed on December 27, 2001 on behalf of Duane D. Blatter, Michael C. Barrus and Troy J. Orr, and which issued on May 18, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,736,825. Application No. 10/035,084 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/737,200 titled Locking Compression Plate Anastomosis Apparatus and Related Systems, which was filed on December 14, 2000 on behalf of Duane D. Blatter, Kenneth C. Goodrich, Michael C. Barrus, and Bruce M. Burnett, and which was published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0004698A1. Application No. 09/737,200 ~~which~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/460,740, ~~which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,569,173 on May 27, 2003, titled Compression Plate Anastomosis Device,~~ which was filed on December 14, 1999 on behalf of Duane D. Blatter, Kenneth C. Goodrich, Mike Barrus, and Bruce M. Burnett, and which issued on May 27, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,569,173, titled Compression Plate Anastomosis Device. U.S. Patent No. 6,736,825, Application Serial Nos. 10/035,084, No. 09/737,200 (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0004698A1), and 09/460,740 U.S. Patent No. 6,569,173 are each incorporated herein by reference.